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## SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS

The Weather.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Forecast for Sunday and Monday the coast; rain or virginia—italn on the coast; rain or whow in the interior, Sunday, warmar. Monday fair, colder; brisk to hall south winds, snitting to west and northwest Sunday, night.

North Carolina—Rain Sunday, warmer in central and extreme west pot 0.8.

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th Carolina-Rain Sunday, Monday colder; brisk to high cast to south a, smiting to west and no thwest lay hight

According to predictions, the weather moderated considerably last night, and frain began to fall. In portions of the state the indications were for snow. The sudden change in the weather was disastrous to the skating, which was excellent

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Richmond.

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Wallace Johnson, of Olange county, has is foot bloven of ar Kenova, W. Ya.

Iurricane Branch loses another of his lood bounds at Suffolk, by shooting on art of some unknown person.—Burglars ob a store of goods valued at \$1.0 in yilliams urg.—Mayor Ciffc.lin, of Roanke, again vetoes redistricting ordinance and wants new census.—W. L. Taylor. F., sent on to the grand Jury, at Apponantox, and his ball reduced.—The Valen murder case in Chesterfield cout, ray reach the Jury Monday evening.—Verso at Driver, Va., arrested for barn burning, and court held at three o'clock in the morning to save he life from ind grant citizens; rushed off to Jail.—Trukind bag fuctory. In Pete sburg, distributes large number of prices to its employment of the property of the south side to many Judge Quarles, of Stanthonbeing uried to run for Congress—Skeleton tound while disging in an alley, in retersburg.—The Evening Light people at Founding Mill, persa ing, for the end of the world text Thursday, and are under great excellement.—The people of Leigh D strict, Prince Edward county value for alknesser; it will be oppened at

North Carolina.

General.

Dealings in stocks again confined mostive to Amalgamated Copper and United States Steel preferred, both of which are strong—Senator Hanna will, it is confidently predicted, vote against ratheation of the treaty with new republic of Panama, and it seems probable that the convention will be defeated, though President Roose elt has said he had ather the Republicans should lose a national campaign than that the Senate should fall to ratify the treaty—House Committee on avail Affairs will recommend construction of seven new battleships—President sends additional correspondence on Panama revolution to Congress—Senator Pettis, of Aloiama discusses te action of the administration in recognizing the new republic, at some length—Both the Profess and Senate adjourn for the Christmas holldays—Seven dead and seventeen severely injured is the 1st of casualities at Nashville fire in colored institution—sirest cars and undertakers wagons have to be used as hearess in Chicago, as result of strike or carrange and hearse drivers' union—Centennial of the trans'er of the Louisiana territory of the country Colornated in New Orleans with great pomp and ce emony—Wilful wins the Lastest City Handicap at New Orleans
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NASHVILLE, TENN., Dec. 19.—Seven are dead and seventeen seriously injured as a result of a fire that broke out last night in the woman's dormitory of Walden University.

The dormitory was a four-story building of thick and the only means of exit was down the main stairway, which was shortly cut off after the fire broke out and the inmates rushed panic stricken through the smoke and heat, seeking an avenue of escence. Battled of a they scught the wildows and weed them serves neading to the ground.

## CHARLES A. TOWNE TO GO TO CONGRESS

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. is.—Another Tampiany congressman is to resign and make way for another Democrat of national reputation. This time, following Representative George B. McCleilan, who is to be succeeded by Bourke Cockran, Representative I. E. Rider, of the Fourteenth New York District, which is heavily Democratic, is to be succeeded by Charles A. Towns.

# **CUT THROAT** OF HIS WIFE

A Woman the Victim of Three Men.

# KILLED WHILE HTR HUSBAND HELD HER.

Threw Her Head Back While Another Man Did the Murder.

### ONE OF THE TRIO CONFESSES THE CRIME

Under an Assumed Name the Husband Attempts to Join the U. S. Army and Sends Let-

of John W. Slaughter. Each one of these gentlemen also received a letter from Charles Nelms, formerly of this place, stating that they would be written to by the officer concerning John W. Slaughter, and that he was passing by that name, and asked that he be recommended and that his whereabouts be kept a secret.

DEAD WITH THROAT CUT.

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About three weeks ago Alice Lamb was found dead in Middlesboro. Ky., at what is known as the "Keg House," a saloon with apartments or rooms on the second floor. In her room in this house she was discovered one morning with her throat cut, her head almost severed from her body.

The authorities of Middlesboro made vigilant efforts to discover the murderer of the woman, and soon were on the track of the murderers. It is stated that three men were in the room at the t me the woman was killed—Charles Nelms, his brother and another party. The Nelms boys returned at once to Lee county, and, it is stated, the other party was arrested and told the whole story.

BRUTAL MURDER.

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It is stated that it was agreed between the three men that Charles Nelms, the husband of the woman, should pretend to be affectionate toward his wife; that he should take her with one arm around her waist in such a manner that he could with the other hand press her head backward so as to expose her three of which time the brother of Nelms should cut her throat, and that this scheme was carried out as agreed upon. When the Nelms boys fled to Lee county the authorities at Middlesboro wired the sheriff of Lee to arrest and hold them, whereupon the sheriff procured a warrant from a justice and found and arrested Lidel Nelms, the brother, but the

rested Litasi Nellis, the steeling, but the other fled.

Charles Nellis formerly belonged to the United States army, and, it is stated, deserted during the war with Spain.

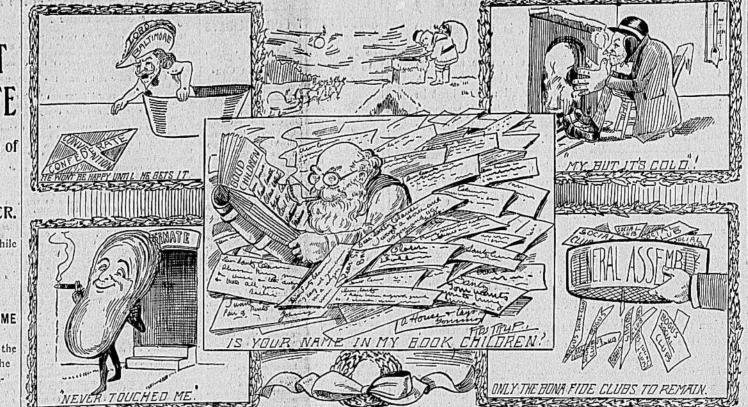
# TREASURER SHORT IN HIS ACCOUNTS

Investigation Shows That Defalcations May Reach Sum of Forty Thousand Dollars.

(By Associated Press.)
CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 19.—According o an official statement issued by the Central Trust Company to-day, it has just found that E. W. Radder, late secetary and treasurer of the concern, was short in his accounts at least \$20,000, at the time of his death on August 24th

II. D. Messick, who succeeded Mr. Rad-der as secretary and treasurer, states that the shortage is covered by an indomnity bond, and that bank will not lose a

cont. There have been rumors in circula-tion for some time past that Radder com-There have been rained an extended the financial difficulties. In addition to his short-age with the Central Trust Company, it has developed that Radder, as secretary and treasurer, issued to himself one phare of stock of the company in due form and subsequently fraudulently raised the certificate to read one hundred shares Upon this certificate he secured a loan of \$10.00 from the Euclid Park National Bank. The latter concern has brought suit against the Central Trust Company to determine who shall lose this money. Other forgeries, uncovered by the bank officials will, it is said, result in pringing the total amount involved, to nearly \$40.00. Radder was one of the best known business men in the city.



#### PICTORIALLY PRESENTED STRIKING ANTE-CHRISTMAS **EVENTS**

# AS HEARSES

Strange Situation in Chicago as Result of Strike of Carriage Drivers.

# INTERFERE WITH FUNERALS

Strikers Even Refuse to Allow Sick People to be Carried to Hospitals.

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Dec. 10.-Undertakers' wagons and street cars were used to con vey the dead to the cemeteries to-day on account of the strike of carriage and

hearse drivers. In nearly every instance the funerals were watched by union pickets, who were there to see that no livery carriages formed part of the funeral procession. The most prominent funeral of the day was that of Judge Jonas Hutchinson, for

fifteen years on the bench of the Superior Court. The remains of Judge Hutch. nson were taken to Oakwoods Cemetery in an undertaker's wagon, while the pri-vate carriages of his personal friends were used for the pall-bearers and intimate friends of the ramily.

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Some disturbance was caused at the funeral of Mrs. Anna Vlcek, a Bohemian woman, who was murdered three days ago by her husband. When Undertaker Anton Linhart-drove up to the church with his wagon he was hooted and jeered, but no direct vlolence was offered. POLICE PROTECTION.

Police protection against strikers for ineral corteges on their way to the was promptly promised by the chist. He ordered the police inspectors to afford every protection in their power, but refused to allow the officers to be seated in or drive the vehicles bearing the bodies.

bodies.

A funeral car, instead of a hearse, as well as a police guard, was utilized by Undertaker Joseph Blake to circumven striking pickets from whom violence was

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# POLITICIANS IN READ ENCOUNTER

Governor Davis Strikes His Opponent for Nomination With a Cane.

HOPE, ARK., Dec. 19 .- During a joint discussion here to-day between the three candidates for the Democratic nomination for Governor, a personal encounter oc-curred between two of the candidates, Governor Jeff Davis and Associate Jus-tine Carroll D. Wood, of the Supreme

Governor Jeff Davis and Associate Justice Carroll D. Wood, of the Supreme Court Governor Davis struck Judge Wood on the Lead, causing blood to flow freely, As Judge Wood attempted to retailate, to was setzed and kept from reaching the Governor. Later, he disentangled himself and sire it the Governor on the arm. The principals were arrested and placed under bond for their appearance in the Mayor's Court January 15th.

As Governor Davis was closing his speech to-day, he accused Judge Wood of having gone to New York ta-secure information against Senator James K. Jones, in the last campaign for United States senator. The Governor said he himself had fought Senator Jones in the open, but that Judge Wood had knifed him and was a traitor. Judge Wood (quickly arose and said the Governor would have to retract or be held personally responsible "hereafter."

"Why not now?" said Governor Davis, necompanying the remark by striking Judge Wood with a came. Officers interfered and prevented further trouble after Judge Wood struck the Governor on the arm. This is the former home of ex-Senator Jones.

# Special Christmas Matinee For The T. D. D. C. Members.

ave its first reunion during Christmas week. The Bijou Theatre will be the place, Wednesday afternoon, December 30th, the time, a special matinee for our boys and girls, the occasion, and your membership badge the pass port.

The T. D. C. C. is less than a year old, but have a membership of over two thousand and is still growing rapidly. Every member has or ought to have, a hadee. This will admit him to the T. D. C. C. matines. Nothing else will. No adults will be present, except the few distinguished gentlemen who have accepted invitations to meet the children and a committee of ladles, who look after the little folks.

If you have misplaced it, hunt it us. If you are a Don't lose your badge. member and have never gotten a badge, send in your name and one Children whose names have been sent in up to to-day, will receive badges.

RUSSIA WISHES

TO AVOID RUPTURE

other Proposition to

giving assurances that the first propo-sition, which the Czar approved, was not

IN THE BALANCE

An Appeal to the People of Vir-

ginia to Save the Ex-

position.

it is feared that the time remaining

is too short in which to have this bal-ance underwritten and individual sub-teriptions are all that is looked for,

ARGUE FOR PATRICK

DAVID B. HILL TO

first proposition.

MADE MANAGER OF

Japan.

# EMPEROR WILLIAM ISSUES AN ORDER

It is Secret, But is Alleged to be Will in a Few Days Submit An-Causing Sensation in Army Circles.

(By Associated Press.)
BERLIN, Dec. 10.-1t is said that Emperor William has issued a secret order to the higher officers of the German army with regard to the recently published book of Lieutenant Bilse, "The Little Garrison," and the conditions the writer claims to have existed at Forbach garri. son. The contents of the order have occasioned much excitement in the army and already caused a number of officers to resign. While the text of the order has not been revealed, it is asserted that Emperor William expressed himself with unusual severity of the social immoralities alleged to exist in army cir-

You will know where to buy your Christmas presents for the least money if you read the advertising columns of The Times-Dispatch to-day.

# JAMESTOWN IS PREPARING FOR THE COMING OF CHRIST

Evening Light People at Pounding Mill Under Great Excitement.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., December 19.—
Orent disappointment is fell here at
the failure of the railway systems to
take more than \$100,000 of the stock of
the exposition. Third Vice-President
Wool said to-day that unless the public
will give \$300,000 within the next ten days
that project will fall.
The Executive Committee of the Jamestown Exposition to-night issued a strong
statement calling on the people of the
community and of the State to subscribe
a quarter of a million dollars before the
first of the year and thus save the
scheme. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) TAZEWELL, VA., Dec. 19,-Great ax-citement exists at Pounding Mill, fifteen miles east of here among the Evening Light people, a sect of religionists, They say that Christ will come next Thursday, and great preparations are being made. One lady, the wife of a prominent mer-chant there, it is said, has ha dan claco-rate wardrobe pade for the occurrance, and there is much excitement in the com-

One of the ministers of this section married recently a well known young lady of that community.

# COTTON BROKERS FAIL FOR LARGE SUM

(By Associated Press.)
ARDMORE, I. T., Dec. 19.—S. E. Donnelly & Company, cotton brokers, with offices at Gainesville, Tex.; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Paul's Valley and Ardmore, I. T., suspended to-day. The company's total indebtedness will, it is said, prove heavy.

Local cotton speculators are said to have heen caught for probably \$20,000. The firm has a membership in the New Orleans Cotton Exchange and the Chicago Board of Trade, S. E. Donnelly has disappeared.

ARGUE FOR PATRICK

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Notice was sorved upon District Attorney Jerome to-day by counsel for Albert T. Patrick, and be provided of the murder of Millionalire Rice, that former Governor David B. Hill had been engaged to argue the appeal made by Patrick before the Court of Appeals at Albany next month. The suppeared of Trade, S. E. Donnelly has disappeared.

# DENIAL OF

Says He Never Wrote Concern ing Mr. Mathews' Election.

### DR. BOWDOIN ALSO DENIES

Wires That the Governor Did Not Write Him on the Subject.

Governor Montague was seen at the Mansion last night and asked if he had read the published statement in which Senator Barksdale was quoted as having terday: "I am informed by the delegate named the present chairman of the Board chairman-had written a letter saying Wilkins Mathows should be deteated at all cost. That letter was ex-

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, Dec. 19.—Russia has made another move toward avoiding a rupture with Japan, and there is reason to believe it will be followed in a few duys by the submission of a second proposition, tending to ameliorate the present strained situation.

The action already takes hibited by the chairman." "Yes," replied the Governor, "I have have never written Doctor Bowdom nor any one else such a letter, and, of course no such letter could have been exhibited I have not endeavored, directly or indi-rectly, to influence the chairman or any member of the Board of Fisheries con-cerning the election of Mr. Mathews.

"These being the facts, the public can reach its own conclusions as to the mo-

tives which inspired the statement of Mr. Barksdale." Lying upon His Excellency's desk h

sition, which the Czar approved, was not in any sense an ultimatum, or sine qua non, but was a preliminary step tending toward a pacific adjustment. This declaration is considered by the officials here as removing one of the most dangerous aspects of the situation, as it had been asserted that Russia's proposition was practically an ultimatum, which, on being rejected by Japan, made a rupture certain. On the contrary, Russia's assurances permit Baron DeRosen, the Russian minister at Tokio, to continue the negohis library was a telegram from Dr Bowdoin, stating that the Governor never wrote him any such letter, and that he had never shown Mr. Mathews any n beyond the terms of the could not have written any such. he could not have written any such, but he wired Dr. Bowdoin to find what was his recollection on the subject. The telegram of Dr. Bowdoin is as follows: FOOT-BALL TEAM "Governor A. J. Montague, (By Associated Press.) ANNAPOLIS, MD., Dec. 19.—Midshipman, William Tupper Lightle, of Searcy, Ark., a member of the second class, has been elected manager of the navy football team for the seasons of 1901-705.

"Governor A, J. Montague,
"Richmond, Va.:
"You never wrote me urging defeat of
Mathews, nor have I ever shown him any
letter from you.
"J, W. BOWDOIN."

# SENATOR DEITRICH IS ARRAIGNED

Refuses to Plead to Most Serious Indictment-Trial Set for January.

(By Associated Press.)

OMAHA, NEB., December 19,-When the United States District Court convened to-day United States Senator Charles H. Dietrich, under indictment for alleged conspiracy to secure the appoint-ment of Jacob Fisher to the position of postmaster at Hastings, Neb., and for alleged benefit by leasing a building to the government to be used as a postoffice at Hastings, accompanied by General

John C. Cowin, his counsel, appeared for

arraignment. On the first indictment the senator Correspondence to the House, the insufficiency would be challenged. To the other indictment the senator pleaded not guilty, and both cases were set down for trial on January 4, 1904. This date was not set, however, without a protest from Assistant District Attorney Rush, who claimed that the government's case could not be prepared in so short a time. Judge Munger said that Senator Dietrich individually could not be considered as having more than a citizen's right, but that in view of his office being practically vacant while he was detained, he would set the trial for an early date.

Correspondence to the House, the Active Press, 1
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—President Roosevelt to-day transmitted to the House the third installment of papers relating to the recent revolution on the Isthmus of Parama. The papers comprise the correspondence between the State Department to the Hay-Herran treaty, consisting of the Hay-Herran treaty, consisting of 120 letters and telegrams sent between March 18th and November 18, 1963. Mr. Hay instructed Mr. Beaupre to keep him divised on every phase of the situation and to use his influence in favor of ratification of the treaty. Mr. Hay asked whether there was any opposition refused to plead, his attorney stating that

# HANNA IS **AGAINST**

He and Four Others Will Vote Against it.

# PRESIDENT BENT ON RATIFICATION

Would Rather be Beaten Than See Panama Treaty Fail in the Senate.

#### DEMOCRATS WILL VOTE AGAINST IT

This Scems to Assure Defeat of Convention With New Republic of Panama for the Construction of an Interoceanic Canal.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19 .- "I had ather see the Republican party lose a nutional campaign, than have the Senate refuse to ratify the treaty with Panama by which the United States is given the right to construct a canal across the sthmus," President Roosevelt is said to have declared to a caller at the White House to-day.

It is a well known fact that there is It is a well known fact that there is strong likelihood of the Democrate detecting the efforts to secure the ratification of the treaty... Ratification must be by two-thirds of the Senate. Allowing for all the Republican senators voting for the treaty, and all the Democrates the senate of the treaty and all the Democrates the treaty and all the Democrates. roting against it, there would be only fifty-seven votes for it, and thirty-three against it.

against it.

It is asserted on reliable authority tonight that Senator Hanna, and four other.
Ropublican sonators have declared their
intention of voting against the ratification of the Panama treaty. It is said
that the insurrection was reported at the
White House, and was made the subject
of a long conference with a humber of
cullers to see the President, including
Senator Lodge, his spokesman in the Senatte, and Speaker Cannon.

If the report be correct, and there is
apparently little reason to doubt it, it
is morally certain that the Democratic
caucus of the Senate will declare against,
ratification and that the treaty will be

will vote for the railfleation of the c vention, though he brought on the Pa ma discussion by his resolution call on the President for all the informa in his hands, tending to show the relation of the representatives of this country to the revolutionists. I'lls speech in critithe revolutionists. His speech in criti-cism of Mr. Roosevelt's course in the mat-ter was as severe as Mr. Gorman's, in some respects, and jarred the Republicans nuch more, for the reason that it came from their own side of the chamber as in the case of the Philippine bills, Mr. Hoar will probably speak bitterly against the policy of the administration.

The attitude of the Democrats tos The attitude of the Democrats towards ratification cannot be defined at
this time. One of the most distinguished
members of the minority in the Senate
said, in the course of a conversation
which I had with him at the Capitol today, that he was atterly unable to pradict with anything like accuracy what
would be the policy of the Democrats as
fixed by the caucus. That the caucus
will pass on the question there is no
room for doubt. The recent action of

fixed by the caucus. That the caucus will pass on the question there is no room for doubt. The recent action of the Democrates of the Senate, makings the vote of two-thirds of the members of the caucus binding upon of he as a great factor in the case of ratification, and makes it certain that the Republicans will encounter a united opposition when the ratification of the treaty becomes a subject of discussion.

HOW WIND BLOWS.

There is one fact that makes it specially difficult to forecast the action of the caucus and the attitude the Democrate will assume. That fact is the undisputed one that the States of the Southfrom which the great majority of the Democratic senators come, want an isthmian canal more than they have wanted anything from the national government since they wanted to be rid of military rule. Soon after the revolution in Panama a number of the Democrata in the Senate said that if a treaty with Panama, conceding to us the right to construct the canal, were proposed for ratification, they should vote for it, though believing that this government had acted dishonorably towards Colombia in ratualing to allow her to send troops into Panama to quell the allowed insurrection. Senator Gorman received a number of telegrams and letters yesterday and last night from men prominent in the commercial and financial world in New York, endorsing the speech which ha made in the Senate Thursday, attacking the President for his course in the Panama matter. He and his Democratic colonates think the letters are straws which unerringly show which way the wind is setting in influential quarters.

# MORE PAPERS.

President Transmits Panama Correspondence to the House.